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Dear Sisters and brothers in Christ,

Greetings of peace and joy to you always!

I would like to inform you of recent updates regarding our development application (59/2017/HA).

In recent months, the parish has been in extensive discussions with Council, neighboring residents, the school community and other stakeholders.

These discussions about the development and the use of the land are complex and ongoing. The parish has been working on ways to address some of the issues that have been raised during these discussions. In particular, there have been traffic management and parking concerns that are actively being addressed.

On Friday 25 November, the parish informed the Hills Shire Council that it would be withdrawing the current development application. It was decided that the parish would instead pursue other ways of making use of the parish land particularly taking into account the concerns around traffic management and parking.

Early next year a new development application will be lodged. The new development application will have our Church building and incorporate a comprehensive traffic management plan including additional parking. There will be no cemetery in the new development application.

As your parish priest, I would strongly like to reiterate that St Madeleine's parish community is truly concerned about the wellbeing of the parishioners, the children of the St Madeleine's Primary and Marian College and our neighbours.

Our concern has always been the wellbeing of the community and the safety of the school children. I wish that the school and the parish communities including the neighbours come together with a renewed spirit to build up our community in every way possible.

God's blessings!

Fr. Vincent

Parish Priest.